GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF ONION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of onion exported during each of the last three years and target fixed for its export during the current year;

(b) whether there is a persistent demand particularly from rose onion growers to increase the export quota of onions;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the farmers are not getting remunerative prices;

(e) if so, whether the Government proposes to lift the restriction on the export of onion to enable the farmers to get remunerative price;

(f) whether the Government is considering to formulate a permanent Export policy for onion; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) The quantity of onion exported from the country during the last three years is given below :-

(Quantity in Metric tons)

Year	Quantity
2004-05	870216
2005-06	960507
2006-07	1103318

(from April to December 2006)

(Source: DGCI&S)

No target has been fixed for export of onions.

(b) No, Sir. There are no quantitative restrictions on export of any variety of onions.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir. The farmers are getting remunerative prices. The export price has gone up from Rs.8676.66/ MT in 2004-05 to Rs.9776.38/ MT in 2006-07 (April-December`06).

(e) Does not arise.

(f)&(g) Export of onion is permitted with `No Objection Certificate` (NOC) from the designated State Trading Enterprises (STEs) subject to a Minimum Export Price (MEP) fixed by the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED). There is no proposal to change the policy.